

A BRIEF REPORT ON THE OPEN SESSION OF THE CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT NEW DELHI

OPEN SESSION : The open session on the occasion of CWC meet of AIBSNLOA was held at Constantia Hall, YWCA of Delhi, Ashoka Road, New Delhi on 30.09.2013. Shri N.K.Gupta, Director(CFA), BSNL was the Chief Guest and Shri K.C.G.K.Pillai Director(F), BSNL & Shri Anupam Shrivastava Director (CM) were the Guests of Honour. CHQ President Com.K.Balasubramanian presided over the function. Shri R.C.Arya, GM (IT – CFA), Shri Rajiv singh, GM (CA), Shri Ram shakal, CLO, Com.V.P.Arya, former GS and Com.S.Basu our mentor were on the dais. Com.A.Khan, CS SNEA BSNL CO Circle, Com.Mantosh Singh, VP, AIGETOA and Com.N.D.Ram, SEWA BSNL were present in response to our invitation. Shri Neeraj Verma, GM (SR) had sent a Greetings message. Other senior officers of BSNL CO had conveyed their inability to participate due to their preoccupation in the AGB of BSNL held on the eve of BSNL Day on 1st October.

The Open Session started with lighting of the lamp by all the dignitaries present on the dais. Com K. Balasubramanian President AIBSNLOA welcomed everyone and delivered a short but sharp Presidential address.

Com. Rakesh Sethi GS, AIBSNLOA in his key note address elaborated on the tumultuous years faced by Indian Telecom industry where cut throat competition resulted in financial loss to all the operators and the signs of a revival visible at present, AIBSNLOA's considered views on revival of BSNL's finance and various HR issues to be settled by BSNL Management and appealed to the Management to resolve the issues as soon as possible to avoid frustration among the executives.

Shri K.C.G.K.Pillai, Director (F) in his address explained with statistics, the present financial position of BSNL. He said that the mantra for reduction of expenditure and increase of revenue should be in the minds of the executives and non-executives.

Shri Anupam Shrivastava, Director (CM) suggested that all should forget their differences and work united as a team to overcome today's situation. He also expressed gratitude for inviting him and said that he will be happy to attend any such function in the future too. He explained about the future plans of expansion of BSNL's Mobile network. He believed that by working together and working hard, BSNL can regain its lost glory.

Shri N K Gupta, Director (CFA), BSNL Board and Chief Guest of the function, in his address, wished the CWC meet all success. He appreciated the Keynote address delivered by GS, AIBSNLOA on this occasion. He explained about the future plans of BSNL in the segment of fixed lines. He said that BSNL is in the process of converting all the present analog/digital switches into NGN so that disconnection can be arrested. He also spoke about the expansion of FTTH and efforts being taken by BSNL to increasing business, revenue and customer base. Director (CFA) also inaugurated CHQ's new site.

Com.S.Basu in his speech explained how BSNL and DoT have betrayed its employees as well as retired employees by denying payment of arrears for fixation benefit amounting to 78.2%. He said that DoT had let down its own retired employees by denying the benefit of 78.2% fixation and pension revision to those who retired after 1.1.2007 but before 10.6.2013.

[Keynote address by the GS and the photos of Open Session have been published in the website along with this brief]